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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions,
and listings, of claims in the application:

1 Claim 1 (original): A cover apparatus for protecting a
2 protected portion which is located in part of a housing,
3 and includes at least an opening portion of a recording
4 medium storage chamber and an electric member,
5 comprising:

6 a first cover provided to be movable between a
7 closed position where the first cover closes the
8 protected portion and an open position where the first
9 cover opens the protected portion; and

10 a second cover located inward of the first cover,
11 and provided to be movable between a closed position
12 where the second cover closes the opening portion of the
13 recording medium storage chamber and an open position
14 where the second cover opens the opening portion of the
15 recording medium storage chamber,

16 the second cover being moved, in accordance with
17 opening of the first cover, to the open position where
18 the second cover opens the opening portion of the
19 recording medium storage chamber.

1 Claim 2 (original): The cover apparatus according to
2 claim 1, wherein the electric member is a connector
3 portion for connection to an external apparatus.

1 Claim 3 (original): The cover apparatus according to
2 claim 1, wherein the second cover includes a spring
3 member for urging the second cover to move the second
4 cover to the open position, and the second cover moves by

5 itself due to an urging force of the spring member when
6 the first cover is moved by an opening operation thereof.

1 Claim 4 (original): The cover apparatus according to
2 claim 3, further comprising a holding portion capable of
3 holding the second cover in the closed position, with the
4 first cover opened, and a release portion for releasing
5 the holding portion.

1 Claim 5 (original): The cover apparatus according to
2 claim 4, wherein the holding portion includes:
3 an engagement member which is provided to be movable
4 between an engagement position where the engagement
5 member is capable of engaging the second cover moved to
6 the closed position, in the closed position; and
7 an urging member for urging the engagement member so that
8 the engagement member is displaced toward the engagement
9 position.

1 Claim 6 (original): The cover apparatus according to
2 claim 5, further comprising a release operation member
3 for receiving a pressing force of the first cover when
4 the first cover moves to the closed position, and then
5 moving the engagement member to the non-engagement
6 position against an urging force of the urging member.

1 Claim 7 (original): The cover apparatus according to
2 claim 6, further comprising a detecting portion for
3 detecting opening/closing of the second cover.

1 Claim 8 (original): The cover apparatus according to
2 claim 7, wherein the second cover is pressed by the first

3 cover to move to the position where the second cover
4 closes the opening portion, when the first cover moves to
5 the closed position.

1 Claim 9 (original): A digital camera comprising the
2 cover apparatus according to claim 1, wherein
3 photographic image data is recorded in a recording medium
4 stored in the recording medium storage chamber.

1 Claim 10 (original): An information apparatus comprising
2 the cover apparatus according to claim 1, wherein image
3 data is recorded in a recording medium stored in the
4 recording medium storage chamber.

1 Claim 11 (new): The cover apparatus of claim 1 wherein
2 the second cover is directly moved by opening of the
3 first cover, to the open position where the second cover
4 opens the opening portion of the recording medium storage
5 chamber.